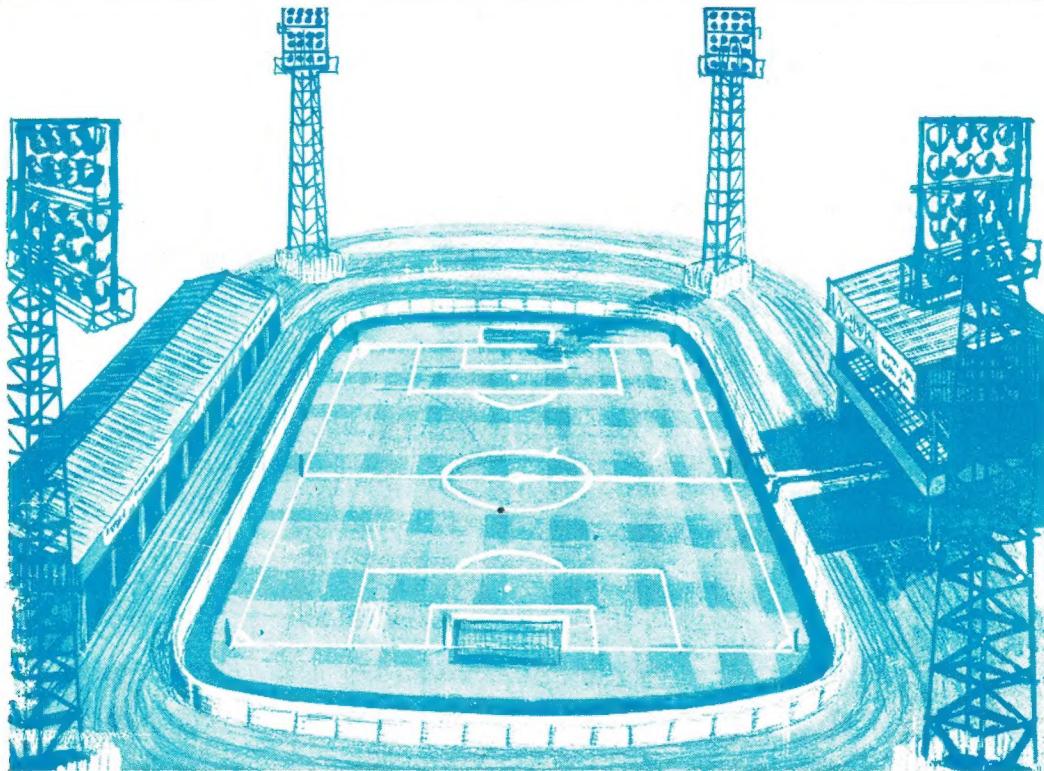


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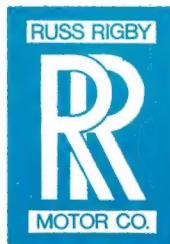
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## OUR VISITORS

HARTLEPOOL UNITED our visitors today, were formed in 1890 as West Hartlepool. In 1905 this team won the F.A. Amateur Cup by beating Clapton. Changes in attitude led to the establishment of the present club in 1908, which decided to engage professionals. It was accepted into the North Eastern League where it functioned for many years.

In 1921, on the formation of the Football League Division 3 (North), Hartlepool was one of the selected clubs. Here it stayed until the formation of Division Four.

Between the wars there was a terrific industrial depression and credit is due to the directors in those days for keeping the club going. Their ground was badly damaged during a Zeppelin raid and the directors at that time considered they were owed money by a foreign

country for damage. It is certain, however, that account if submitted will never be met.

They have the distinction of having had Brian Clough as their manager, in fact, that is where he started his managerial career.

Mr. H. S. Bamlett, the 1914 Cup Final referee, was a native of West Hartlepool and was also one of the earlier managers at Wigan Borough Football Club.

Their ground, known as Victoria Ground is not one of the largest, but the playing pitch is perfect, perhaps one of the best we have played on this season. They have a reasonably new modern stand on the popular side. The main stand (official entrance) is an old wooden structure but underneath in the Boardroom their hospitality, like most in the North East, is second to none.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 4

WIGAN ATHLETIC v. DARLINGTON

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## FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

A warm welcome to Hartlepool United F.C. We had a particularly exciting game at the Victoria Ground and let's hope this afternoon's is equally as good.

### Easter Results

Invariably the Easter game sorts out the question of promotion and relegation. I think the Fourth Division is too close this year for everything to be cut and dried, but obviously at the time of going to press we don't have the results at hand.

Here's hoping a few have gone our way.

### Youth Squad

There is going to be a lot of hard work during the summer months to get our youth squad off the ground. We had hoped to do it sooner, but with the bad winter and the non-availability of pitches, it has set us back a bit. However, scouts Jack Case and Joe Peay have been working like Trojans to get the right type of kids, and I am sure, come August we will be well on our way to building the type of solid foundations at youth level which is so essential for clubs such as Wigan Athletic.

I. McNEILL.

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION IV

	Home						Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grimsby	38	14	4	2	45	18	9	2	7	24	21	52
Reading	38	14	3	1	40	8	6	8	6	24	27	51
Aldershot	38	13	5	2	34	14	4	9	5	21	23	48
Barnsley	34	11	4	2	39	17	7	7	3	21	12	47
WIGAN ATHLETIC	38	13	3	4	31	17	6	6	6	19	19	47
Wimbledon	34	13	2	2	33	17	6	5	6	25	21	45
Portsmouth	36	12	4	2	29	9	5	5	8	24	29	43
Newport	37	9	4	5	29	24	8	4	7	24	22	42
Torquay	37	10	4	5	30	23	5	2	11	16	29	36
Stockport	37	10	3	7	28	19	3	6	8	23	30	35
Hereford	36	9	7	2	29	17	3	4	11	14	25	35
Bradford City	35	8	4	5	25	19	6	3	9	22	35	35
Port Vale	36	6	8	4	22	20	5	3	10	21	29	33
York City	34	6	5	5	19	18	6	4	8	15	24	33
Bournemouth	38	8	5	6	28	17	3	5	11	10	17	32
Huddersfield	35	9	7	2	24	12	2	3	12	16	28	32
Hartlepool	34	5	10	3	29	25	3	5	8	11	26	31
Scunthorpe	35	8	2	7	24	26	3	7	8	15	24	31
Doncaster	38	7	6	7	21	20	4	3	11	19	38	31
Northampton	35	9	4	5	30	23	2	3	12	17	34	29
Darlington	34	6	5	6	18	16	3	5	9	19	33	28
Crewe	36	3	6	8	19	29	3	7	9	18	37	25
Rochdale	34	5	4	7	15	23	2	5	11	16	31	23
Halifax	35	4	4	7	10	17	2	2	16	14	37	18

## EDITORIAL

It now seems very likely that next season will see the start of the Non-League Football Alliance.

The Premier League will comprise thirteen Southern Premier League clubs and seven Northern Premier League clubs. As it appears at the moment, teams such as Altrincham, Boston, Runcorn, Stafford, Scarborough, Southport, Bangor and one other will become founder members of this new league. Each season the top two clubs will become eligible to apply for election to the Football League, although there will be no automatic promotion at present.

The Alliance will have three feeder leagues underneath. The South and the South (North) with the present Northern Premier League. If the teams so wish and providing their grounds fulfil the necessary requirements, there will be promotion to

the Alliance from these three leagues. It could be a shot in the arm for non-league football and was advocated by Wigan some eight years ago.

We wish them success in their venture. After all, Football League clubs could not exist without the lower leagues who supply players. Higher class lower leagues are also useful for blooding future Football League referees. Many good referees have progressed from these feeder leagues.

Please note that some very special entertainment will be put on in the Supporters' Club on the 23rd May, 1979, when The Big Band Sound will be the entertainers. Tickets—strictly limited—are on sale in the Club at 75p. Don't miss a treat—get your tickets today.

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# PEN PICTURES OF HARTLEPOOL UNITED F.C. LTD.

## **GRAHAM RICHARDSON (Goalkeeper)**

Born Sedgefield. Former England Youth keeper. Had persistent injuries in previous season. 5ft. 10 ins. 11st. 4lb.

## **MARTIN GORRY (Defender)**

Born Derby. Close season signing from Newcastle United. He was transferred to Newcastle from Barnsley for a substantial fee. 5ft. 9ins. 10st. 8lbs.

## **TREVOR SMITH (Defender)**

Born Middlesbrough. Young player who has played several games in the first team. Has been with the club since 1976. 6ft. 0ins. 11st. 3lb.

## **WILLIAM AYRE (Defender)**

Born Crookhills. This former Scarborough player became top scorer last season with 14 goals. Won an FA Cup Trophy medal with Scarborough. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. 10lb.

## **STEPHEN MICHAEL BROOKS (Defender)**

Born Wigan. Signed in close season from Southport. 6ft. 0ins. 11st. 8lbs.

## **GRAHAM NORMANTON (Defender)**

Local player who signed part-time terms in the close season. 5ft. 9ins. 11st. 10lb.

## **ANTHONY DUNCAN (Defender)**

Another local player on apprentice forms. 5ft. 9ins. 11st. 10lb.

## **GEORGE SMITH (Midfield)**

Born Newcastle. Appointed player/coach of this club last season when signed from Swansea City. Formerly with Middlesbrough, Cardiff and Birmingham. 5ft. 8ins. 10st. 12lb.

## **ROY HOGAN (Midfield)**

Local born apprentice and has already played in the first team. 5ft. 8ins. 10st. 6lb.

## **JOHN LINACRE (Midfield)**

Born Whitby. In his second season with the club. Son of former Manchester City and Hartlepool winger Billy Linacre. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. 2lb.

## **TOMMY GIBB (Midfield)**

Born Bathgate. Former Sunderland, Newcastle and Partick Thistle player, now in his second season with the club. 5ft. 11ins. 11st. 4lb.

## **MARK LAWRENCE (Midfield)**

Born Middlesbrough. Youth Player with club who signed part-time terms in the close season. 6ft. 0ins. 11st. 2lb.

## **PHILLIP BROWN (Midfield)**

Local player who played in Youth Team last season. 5ft. 8ins. 10st. 12lb.

## **KENNETH LOWE (Midfield)**

Born Billingham. Signed as apprentice in July 1977. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. 4lb.

## **DEREK LOADWICK (Midfield)**

Born Middlesbrough. Signed from Stockport County, 12th October 1978. 5ft. 9ins. 12st. 2lb.

## **ALAN HARDING (Midfield)**

Born Sunderland. Signed from Lincoln City 18th March 1979. 5ft. 8ins. 11st. 6lb.

## **ROBERT NEWTON (Forward)**

Born Mansfield. Former Huddersfield player, signed for 'Pool' August 1977. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. 10lb.

## **IAN CRUMPLIN (Forward)**

Born Newcastle. Signed in close season after playing for Blue Star at Wembley in the FA Vase where he won a winners medal. 5ft. 9ins. 11st.

## **GORDON LARKIN (Forward)**

Born Hartlepool. Signed full-time in close season. 5ft. 9ins. 11st. 4lb.

## **KEITH HOUCHEM (Forward)**

Born Middlesbrough. Local Youth player who played 10 games in our first team last season scoring 4 goals. 6ft. 1ins. 11st. 6lb.

## **DAVID EVANS (Forward)**

Born Sunderland. Former Youth Team player now on part-time terms. 5ft. 10ins. 11st. 10lb.

## **WAYNE GOLDTHORPE**

Born Staincross. Signed from Huddersfield Town 21st August 1978. 5ft. 11ins. 12st. 4lb.

## **SAMUEL HEWITT (Forward)**

Local part-time player signed in the close season. 5ft. 7ins. 11st. 10lb.

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<b>Birthplace :</b>	Bradford.
<b>Birthdate :</b>	22nd September, 1955.
<b>Height :</b>	6 ft. 1 in.
<b>Weight :</b>	12 stone 7 lbs.
<b>Previous Clubs :</b>	Leeds United, Norwich City, Swansea City.
<b>Married :</b>	No. Girlfriend: Paula.
<b>Children :</b>	No.
<b>Car :</b>	Volkswagen.
<b>Favourite player :</b>	Norman Hunter.
<b>Favourite other team :</b>	Leeds United.
<b>Most difficult opponent :</b>	None.
<b>Most memorable match :</b>	Local derby : Norwich v. Ipswich.
<b>Biggest thrill :</b>	The above match.
<b>Biggest disappointment :</b>	None.
<b>Best country visited :</b>	Barbados.
<b>Favourite food :</b>	Steak.
<b>Miscellaneous likes :</b>	All sports.
<b>Miscellaneous dislikes :</b>	Posers.
<b>Favourite TV shows :</b>	All sports programmes.
<b>Favourite singers :</b>	Wings.
<b>Favourite actors :</b>	Clint Eastwood, Dustin Hoffman.
<b>Best friend:</b>	Hope to have many.
<b>Biggest influence on career :</b>	Syd Owen, Parents.
<b>Biggest drag in soccer :</b>	Being injured.
<b>International honours :</b>	England Youth Caps.
<b>Personal ambition :</b>	To be happy.
<b>Professional ambition :</b>	To play well.
<b>If not in football, what would you like to be :</b>	Engineer for glider planes.
<b>Which person in the world would you most like to meet :</b>	Linda Lovelace.

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



One more to go — and for this season my messages to you all will have ceased. In a way, I shall be sorry, but then again there have been many times when it has been difficult to put together a page full of words that I have considered would interest the fans who faithfully buy programmes throughout the season. I hope I have successfully done this. If not, please forgive me and thank you for remaining silent.

Perhaps my job as a scribe has been made much easier by the performances of the team, both at home and away. It is obviously very much easier to write about club affairs if

spectators are happy with performances both on and off the field of play.

This season, our first in the Football League, has been wonderful. The team has responded and proved themselves capable of probably gaining promotion, when asked to convert themselves into a good League side from non-league football. The manager and other members of staff have set the example, and you, the spectators, have given the heartiest encouragement. Thanks to all concerned.

Today I welcome to Springfield Park Hartlepool United. Their chairman, directors and players will be received with the same hospitality as they handed out to us last week. We hope the game will be as interesting.

It has been obvious that our programme this season has not been quite the standard of many other clubs — but this is our first season and we are new to the job. We have learned a lot, and I am sure that next season will see a great improvement in content and design.

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## LINE-UP

### Wigan Athletic

- 1 John Brown
- 2 John Curtis
- 3 Kevin Smart
- 4 Tommy Gore
- 5 Noel Ward
- 6 Dave Fretwell
- 7 Frank Corrigan
- 8 Jeff Wright
- 9 Peter Houghton
- 10 Mickey Moore
- 11 Ian Purdie
- 12 Derek Brownbill

Referee :  
Mr. D. W. CIVIL  
(Birmingham)

Linesmen :  
Mr. J. A. Biggar  
(Manchester)  
Red Flag  
Mr. A. Jones  
(Wirral)  
Yellow Flag

### FOR YOUR RECORD

Result :

Attendance :

Scorers :

### Hartlepool United

- 1 G. Richardson
- 2 George Smith
- 3 Martin Gorry
- 4 Alan Harding
- 5 Wayne Goldthorpe
- 6 Billy Ayre
- 7 John Linacre
- 8 Keith Houchen
- 9 Ian Crumplin
- 10 Mark Lawrence
- 11 Derek Loadwick

## TODAY'S REFEREE

### DEREK W. CIVIL (Birmingham).

Commenced refereeing in 1955, and via Worcester Combination, Football Combination and Football League line; qualified for the full list in 1969. Has refereed the F.A. County Youth Cup Final in 1971-72, and was linesman in a European Cup Quarter Final (1972), also Scotland v. Switzerland in 1975-76. A married man with two sons, he works in the printing industry. Helps with coaching and running a local junior team, with help and advice to young referees.

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## OPINION

by Harold Ashurst

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By this afternoon's game we should, hopefully be a bit clearer regarding who will and who won't and who still might be promoted from the Fourth Division.

Easter is always a testing time for clubs, whether challenging for honours or fighting to stave off relegation.

This will be Latics' third game in four days, a strong enough test for the best of teams, and, although I don't know the other results at the time of writing, I think it's fair to say that maximum points is quite possible from the three games.

With two games at home and one away, a programme most clubs would give a great deal for, Latics have a great chance to consolidate their position among the promotion chasing clubs.

Today also sees Latics' penultimate home game in their first season in League football and who could have thought they would be challenging for promotion, especially after the poor start they made.

Whether they make promotion or not, and I must admit it will be a disappointment if they don't, the season has been something to savour. There have been many moments to remember. Only last week over 400 fans boarded Wigan's first special train for the League match at Torquay (could anyone picture a soccer special going to Frickley?) That is just one of the moments that stick in the mind, and there have been others too numerous to mention, but all in all, it's not been a bad season. But it's far from over yet.

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## RESULTS 1978-79

### HOME MATCHES IN CAPITALS

	Date	Opponents	Score	Gate	Scorers
1978	19 Aug	Hereford	0-0	5,674	
	23 Aug	GRIMSBY	0-3	9,227	
	26 Aug	READING	0-2	4,738	
	Sept. 2	NEWPORT	2-3	5,119	
	9 Sept.	Wimbledon	1-2	3,217	
	13 Sept.	ROCHDALE	3-0	5,746	
	16 Sept.	BRADFORD	1-3	7,050	
	23 Sept.	YORK	1-0	3,397	
	26 Sept.	PORTSMOUTH	0-1	13,362	
	30 Sept.	SCUNTHORPE	1-0	4,459	
	Oct. 7	Huddersfield	1-1	5,150	
	14 Oct.	DONCASTER	1-0	5,788	
	18 Oct.	HALIFAX	1-0	5,216	
	21 Oct.	Bansley	0-0	9,841	
	28 Oct.	NETHERHAMPTON	2-0	6,264	
	Nov. 4	Stockport	1-0	8,357	
	10 Nov.	Newport	1-2	4,143	
	18 Nov.	RADING	3-0	5,958	
	25 Nov.	BURY (FA 1)	2-2	10,142	
	Dec. 9	Darlington	1-1	1,963	
	16 Dec.	Halifax	2-1	6,037	
	23 Dec.	Pont Vale	1-2	3,446	
	26 Dec.	CREWE	1-0	7,286	
	30 Dec.	ALDERSHOT	3-2	7,289	
1979	Feb. 3	PORTSMOUTH	2-0	8,289	
	14 Feb.	WIMBLEDON	1-2	6,204	
	17 Feb.	HUDDERSFIELD	2-1	7,320	
	24 Feb.	Doncaster	1-0	4,216	
	28 Feb.	YORK	1-0	5,896	
	Mar. 3	BARNESLEY	1-1	3,927	
	10 Mar.	Northampton	4-2	4,276	
	14 Mar.	TORQUAY	3-1	5,722	
	17 Mar.	STOCKPORT	2-0	7,610	
	19 Mar.	Rochdale	2-0	3,602	
	24 Mar.	Grimsby	1-3	8,252	
	28 Mar.	HEREFORD	0-0	4,876	
	31 Mar.	BOURNEMOUTH	1-0	5,527	
	Apr. 3	Hartlepool	1-1	2,380	
	7 Apr.	Torquay	1-1	2,369	
	13 Apr.	PORT VALE	7		
	14 Apr.	Crewe			
	16 Apr.	HARTEPOOL			
	21 Apr.	Aldershot			
	28 Apr.	DARLINGTON			
	May 1	Scunthorpe			
	5 May	Bournemouth			
	12 May	Bradford City			
	12 May	F A CUP FINAL			

Scorers

20 Grimsby

19 Fleetwood

18 Bromw.

17 Walswick

16 Seddon

15 Garry

14 Smart

13 Compton

12 Purdie

11 Wike

10 Houghton

9 Wright

8 Gillibrand

7 Corrigan

6 Ward

5 Davids

4 Hinnigan

3 Gore

2 Gor

1 Brown

1 Scunthorpe

1 Boro

1 Hartlepool

1 Stockport

1 Walswick

1 Scunthorpe

1 Boro

1 Hartlepool

1 Stockport

1 Boro

1 Hartlepool

## LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE (DIVISION 1)

### Wigan Athletic Reserves

1978

		F-A
August—		
18—Blackpool 'A'	H	2-1
25—Southport Res.	H	1-1
September—		
2—Everton 'A'	A	2-1
9—Chester 'A'	H	1-3
15—Tranmere R. Res.	A	0-0
16—		
23—Bradford City Res.	H	5-0
30—Liverpool 'A'	A	1-2
October—		
7—Rochdale Res.	H	2-2
14—Rochdale Res.	A	0-1
21—Carlisle Utd. Res.	H	2-0
27—Stockport County 'A'	A	8-0
November—		
11—Tranmere R. Res.	H	2-2
18—Crewe Alex 'A'	A	3-3
25—Manchester City 'A'	A	2-1
December—		
2—Blackpool 'A'	H	
9—Port Vale Res.	H	3-1
13—Macclesfield T. Res.	H	5-1
16—Chester 'A'	A	
26—		
30—Morecambe Res.	A	5-0

1979

	F-A
January—	
1—Oldham Ath. Res.	H 1-3
6—Morecambe Res.	H 3-1
13—Port Vale Res.	A 0-5
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24—Bolton Wanderers 'B'	H 5-0
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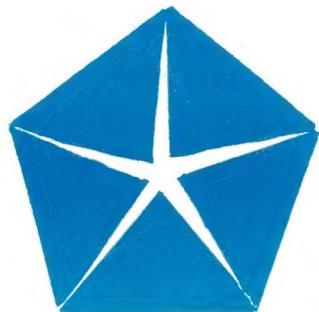
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